Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (***currently amended***) A latex reagent for ~~analyzing~~ quantitatively measuring adiponectin, comprising a suspension of latex particles carrying an anti-adiponectin polyclonal antibody that binds to native adiponectin.

2. (***cancelled***)

3. (***currently amended***) A method for ~~analyzing~~ quantitatively measuring adiponectin, comprising the steps of:

(1) obtaining a biological liquid possibly containing adiponectin, and

(2) bringing the biological liquid, without pretreatment of said ~~fluid~~ liquid to obtain monomeric adiponectin or predilution, into contact with a suspension of latex particles carrying an anti-adiponectin polyclonal antibody that binds to native adiponectin, and optically analyzing a degree of latex-particles-agglutination.

4. (***cancelled***)

5. (***previously presented***) The latex reagent according to claim 1, wherein the latex particles do not carry an anti-adiponectin monoclonal antibody.

6. (***previously presented***) The method according to claim 3, wherein the latex particles do not carry an anti-adiponectin monoclonal antibody.

7. (***currently amended***) A method for ~~analyzing~~ quantitatively measuring the level of adiponectin in a biological liquid, consisting of the steps of:

(1) obtaining a biological liquid possibly containing adiponectin; and

(2) bringing the biological liquid, without predilution or other pretreatment, into contact with a suspension of latex particles carrying an anti-adiponectin polyclonal antibody that binds to native adiponectin, and optically analyzing a degree of latex-particle-agglutination,

wherein said degree of latex-particle agglutination correlates to the level of adiponectin in said liquid.